

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 10 with the following amended paragraph:

"Alkenyl group" is exemplified by a straight or branched chain  $C_2$ - $C_{10}$  alkenyl group, including specifically ethenyl group, propenyl group, 1-methylethenyl group, butenyl group, 2-methylpropenyl group, 1-methylpropenyl group, pentenyl group, 3-methylbutenyl group, 2-methylbutenyl group, 1-ethylpropenyl group, hexenyl group, 4-methylpentenyl group, 3-methylpentenyl group, 2-methylpentenyl group, 1-methylpentenyl group, 3,3-dimethylbutenyl group, 1,2-dimethylbutenyl group, heptenyl group, 1-methylhexenyl group, 1-ethylpentenyl group, octenyl group, 1-methylheptenyl group, 2-ethylhexenyl group, nonenyl group, and decenyl group, and preferably an  $C_1$ - $C_6$   $C_2$ - $C_6$  alkenyl group, more preferably an  $C_1$ - $C_4$   $C_2$ - $C_4$  alkenyl group.

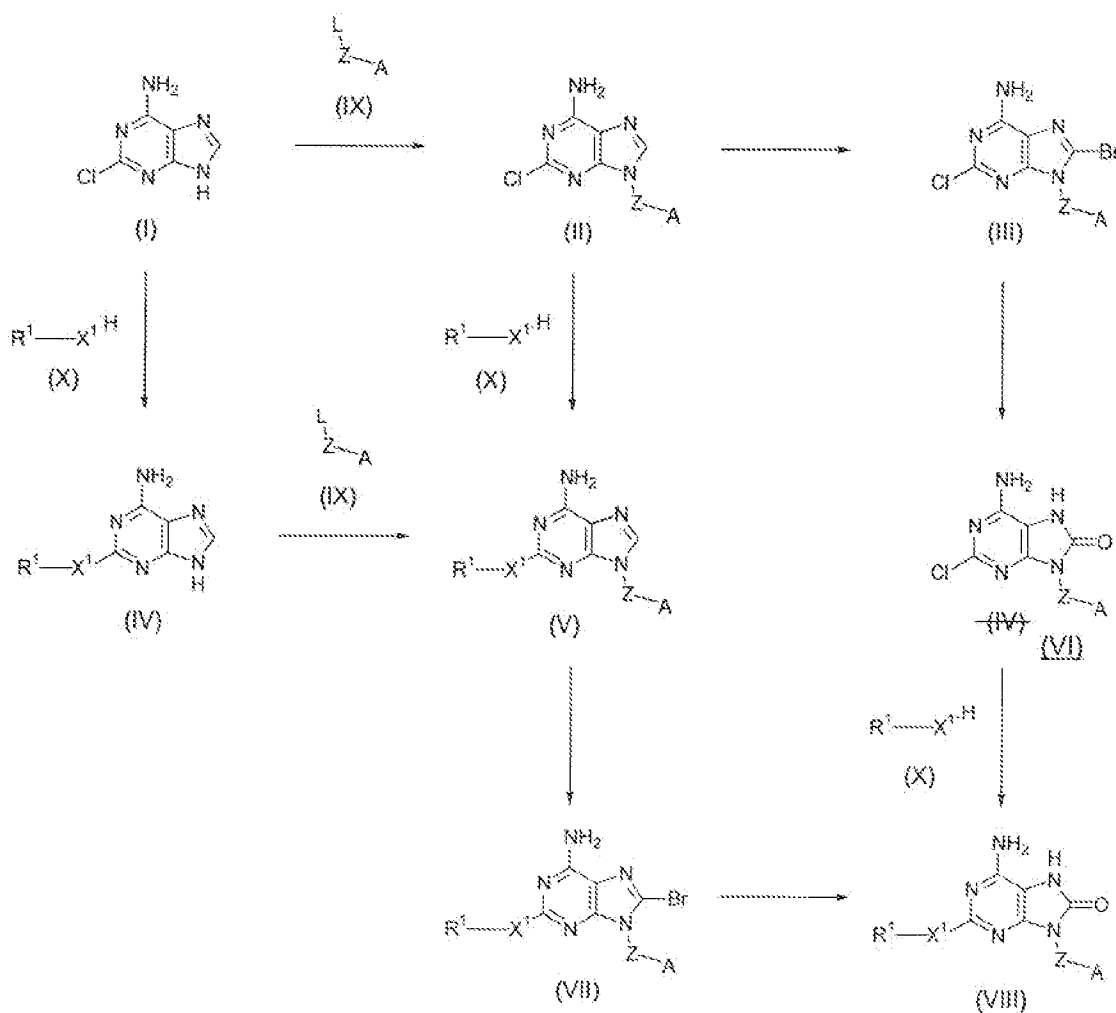
Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 21 with the following amended paragraph:

"Alkynyl group" is exemplified by a straight or branched chain  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$   $C_2$ - $C_{10}$  alkynyl group including specifically ethynyl group, propynyl group, butynyl group, pentynyl group, 3-methylbutynyl group, hexynyl group, 4-methylpentynyl, 3-methylpentynyl, 3,3-dimethylbutynyl, heptynyl, octynyl, 3-methylheptynyl, 3-ethylhexynyl, nonynyl and decynyl, and preferably  $C_1$ - $C_6$   $C_2$ - $C_6$  alkynyl group, more preferably an  $C_1$ - $C_4$   $C_2$ - $C_4$  alkynyl group.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 19, line 16 with the following amended paragraph:

"Alkyl moiety" in "alkylcarbonyl group", "alkylsulfonyl group" or "alkylsulfinyl group" is the same as the above mentioned alkyl group. The alkylsulfonyl group is preferably exemplified by a straight or branched chain C<sub>1-4</sub> ~~alkylamine-alkylsulfonyl~~ group, including specifically methanesulfonyl group, ethanesulfonyl group, propylsulfonyl group, 2-methylethylsulfonyl group and butylsulfonyl group.

Please replace the reaction scheme beginning on page 26, line 2 with the following amended reaction scheme:

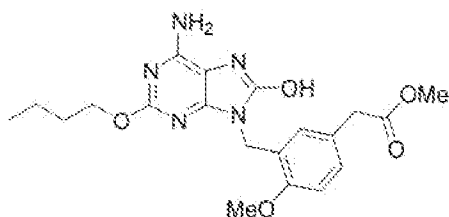


Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 27, line 28 with the following amended paragraph:

Compound (VIII) can be prepared by reacting ~~compound (IV)~~ compound (VI) and compound (X).

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 92, line 22 with the following amended paragraph:

~~2-Butoxy-8-hydroxy-9-[(2-methoxy-5-methoxycarbonylmethyl)benzyl]adenine~~ 2-Butoxy-8-hydroxy-9-(5-carboxymethyl-2-methoxybenzyl)adenine



Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 108, line 2 with the following amended paragraph:

Using 2-butoxy-8-hydroxy-9-(5-carboxymethyl-2-methoxybenzyl)adenine which was prepared in Comparative ~~examples 2 to 20~~ example 20, the same procedure as in Example 36 was carried out to give the titled compound as a white solid. Yield: 60%.